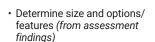
THE SEATING & MOBILITY **PROVISION PROCESS**

The Road to a Successful Outcome

SELECT THE TEAM

- · Client has choice of therapist and vendor representative
- Finding a therapist/authorizer: Consult the Assistive Devices Program (ADP), your preferred vendor, Homecare Support Services (HCSS), your physician or a peer
- To choose a vendor: Consult ADP or ask therapist/authorizer to provide a list of local vendors; obtain recommendation
- Caregivers, friends, and/or family members should be included as part of the team





- · Complete equipment set up/trial as required or appropriate
- Consider all available equipment options
- · Discuss how funding may be obtained for each item



· The therapist is responsible to assess the client needs and facilitate the process with the entire team

EQUIPMENT selection / prescription







COMPONENTS OF THE ASSESSMENT:

- Interview/review of health history, client concerns, environmental considerations and daily activities
- · Physical assessment of client in wheelchair and on solid flat surface (plinth or mat)
- · Measurements of client and wheelchair system
- · Discussion of client goals for seating and mobility system

KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL ASSESSMENT:

- · An assessment form for complete documentation
- Measuring tools (rigid tape measure, goniometer, camera)
- Thorough hands-on evaluation, with client transferred between sitting surfaces and moved through different postures/positions
- List of client likes/dislikes about the current seating and mobility system
- A caregiver and transfer equipment (transfer board/sling) to assist with transfers
- Determination of needs and goals for the new seating and mobility system
- If client needs are beyond therapist skill-set, obtain consultation and ask for help from colleagues or refer client elsewhere



- Funding options; government, insurance, self pay, charities/associations
- Discuss the anticipated wait-times for funding approval
- Be aware! Some funding agencies do not allow for equipment to be ordered prior to funding approval

- · Equipment ordering is completed once funding is approved/secured
- · Vendor completes order form and sends to manufacturer(s)
- · Discuss wait-times for equipment delivery



DELIVERY & FITTING

- · Set-up wheelchair and seating components based on client-specific measurements and needs
- · Final design and fabrication of custom components
- · Electronics programming
- · Client and caregiver education/training
- · More than one session is often required



LIFE WITH THE NEW SEATING & MOBILITY SYSTEM

- · Client and caregiver should monitor for issues/concerns with the wheelchair and seating components
- · The client should notify the vendor if service/repair issues arise (routine maintenance should be scheduled)
- · In the event of changes in the client's physical/functional status, the client should contact the therapist to request a follow up visit/reassessment



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